all duties and responsibilities in respect of drainage in the town, to the people from whom you raise rates and taxes for the proper maintenance of the town and for the comforts and well-being of the people. It may not perhaps be within the financial possibility of the Municipality to undertake the reconstruction of the drainage of the whole town as a single and immediate measure. But instead of hoarding up something every year, the Municipality might very well make a beginning to undertake the construction and maintenance of drainage. You seem to say that the Municipality passed a resolution for the construction of drains or other works. I have never heard of resolutions transforming road-sides into drains without the Municipality laying out money and seeing the work done. You have also spoken of discussions in your Municipal Council. It will be a great blessing to the people of the town if your discussions materialise. There is such a thing as municipalities borrowing money for big works. You are here as the full representative of the Municipality, and I say, you are guilty of a very grave act of omission to the people of Trivandrum in this matter.

135. Needs of the Neyyattinkara taluk.

Mr. K. MADHAVAN (*Member, Nominated*) said that irrigation works throughout the State should be properly attended to. In regard to the Neyyattinkara taluk, additional sums should be provided in the current year's Budget for the restoration of minor irrigation works in the taluk and arrangements should be made for taking up new works immediately. For the future, an allotment of at least one lakh of rupees should be made in every year's Budget for the taluk until all the works were completed. Major irrigation works should also be taken up forthwith. The breach in the Karupattichira should be closed and the tank restored. In repairing tanks care should be taken more in deepening the beds thereof and clearing the springs than in putting up big bunds. The bunds of tanks should be turfed. Block boards should be constituted throughout the taluk and the maintenance of the repaired tanks should be left to their supervision. There should also be a taluk board to look after the work of the block boards.

A road should be opened from Thozhukal to Panachamudu, the existing road from Narayanamuttom to Panachamudu being made cartable. The new road would be only two miles in length and would pass by the Aruvipuram temple. The people of the locality were prepared to surrender lands free of cost for this road.

A road should be opened from Kdarakuzhi to Nellimudu. The existing ryots' roads from Kdarakuzhi to Kottukal and from Nellimudu to Kottukal should be converted into cart roads and a new road should be opened connecting these two roads.

The Koottapana-Olathani trace should be gravelled.

A bridge should be put up at Poovar.

An English High School for girls should be established at Neyyattinkara.

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An Ayurveda hospital was an urgent necessity at Neyyattinkara. If this was not possible, due encouragement should be given to the Ayurveda physician at the place.

A First Class Magistrate's court was absolutely necessary at Neyyattinkara. The Second Class Magistrate's Court could be abolished and replaced by a First Class Magistrate's Court or the Second Class Magistrate's Court could be retained and the local Tahsildar or Munsiff invested with a First Class Magistrate's powers.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Madhavan, the subject of irrigation is engaging the attention of the P. W. D. and the Government. In the matter of the roads you mention, they had better come up before the Roads Boards which will be shortly constituted.

The Director of Public Instruction will be asked to examine and report upon your proposal for a Higher Grade English School for girls at Neyyattinkara.

As regards an Ayurvedic hospital at Neyyattinkara there is an Ayurvedic vaidyan at present. He applied for a grant-in-aid, but it was found that his institution did not conform to the rules laid down by the Ayurveda Department and I believe he has renewed his application. If he is found to conform to the rules and qualifications, and if vacant grant is available certainly the question of assisting an Ayurvedic hospital at Neyyattinkara will be considered.

I am afraid all the authorities are not in favour of a First Class Magistrate's Court at Neyyattinkara at the present moment.

136. Needs of the Chirayinkil taluk.

MR. M. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Member, Nominated*) dealt with the following needs of the Chirayinkil taluk:

A road should be opened from the Vettur road to the Akathumuri railway station *via* Vennicode Roman Catholic church. The road should start from between the 1st and 2nd mile stones on the road from Warkala to Ariyittakunnu. For about half the distance there was already a lane. For the remaining distance there were *poramboke* lands. If private lands were necessary at any place, the people were ready to surrender them free of cost.

The lane from the Vettur Vilabhagom road to the Ariyittakunnu bangalow should be improved. It was a very steep lane full of ruts and pits. If Government would take up the improvement of the road, the land-owners were prepared to surrender the lands free of cost.

The Additional Munsiff's Court at Attingal should be shifted to Warkala. Both the Munsiff's Courts in the Chirayinkil taluk were situated at Attingal. But most of the litigation in the taluk arose in the pakuthies on the western side such as Vettur, Warkala etc. Warkala was the most convenient place for the people in these pakuthies.

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